# **SCR-63-HD-1**

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Testimony for JHA on 4/21/2022 1:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

### Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (formerly the LGBT Caucus) Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SCR 63 SD 1 HD 1.

This honor is long over due for Congresswoman Patsy Mink.

We hope you all will support this important resolution.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. Chair and SCC Representative Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

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Testimony for JHA on 4/21/2022 1:30:00 PM

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Ann S Freed	Democratic Party of Hawai'i Women's Caucus	Sunnort	Written Testimony Only

### Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members.

It's the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Title IX, Patsy T. Mink act. She is one of our own. It seems a small but significant act to name a high school on Maui after here. She was, after all, valedictorian graduate of Maui High.

Please pass this resolution,

Mahalo, Ann S. Freed

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**MAILING ADDRESS** 

Aprl 20, 2022

TO: Chair Nakashima & Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: SCR 63 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE NEW KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T. MINK.

Support for a Hearing on April 21

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii supports this resolution as we see it most appropriate to honor a national hero who came from Maui. She is the first woman of color elected to Congress. She won some delegates in 1972 for the Democratic presidential nomination. She championed civil rights and Title IX has been named after her. The list goes on.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel, President

<u>SCR-63-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 4/19/2022 2:14:32 PM

Testimony for JHA on 4/21/2022 1:30:00 PM

S	ubmitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
(	Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

She was Crooked as Hell!!!



# TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT S.C.R. 63 S.D. 1 H.D. 1

TO: Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair

Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Troy J.H. Andrade, Ph.D., J.D.

RE: STRONG SUPPORT of S.C.R. 63 S.D. 1 H.D. 1, REQUESTING THE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE NEW KIHEI HIGH

SCHOOL IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T.

MINK.

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 325

415 South Beretania Street

I write today in <u>strong support</u> of naming the new high school in Kihei, Maui after United States Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

Patsy Takemoto Mink's story is an American story. Although born in a small plantation village on Maui, and raised during a time when her race and gender foreclosed better opportunities, Mink was not afraid to challenge the status quo. During World War II, Mink, like all other Japanese Americans, was declared an enemy of this nation. But, that did not deter her drive for equality and her love of her country. She would overcome racial and gender discrimination and become the first Japanese American woman admitted to practice law in Hawai'i. With the admiration and support of the people, Mink would be elected to the Hawai'i legislature and subsequently to the United States House of Representatives, where she was the first woman of color to serve in the United States Congress. Over the course of her illustrious career in public service, Mink pushed for deep societal changes. From advocating for the expansion of the public access to government information to ensuring the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the nation, Mink's legacy has touched the lives of all Americans.

Perhaps Mink's greatest achievement was her advocacy for passage in 1972 of Title IX, which provided: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." With these thirty-seven words and despite significant resistance, Patsy Mink changed America. This law transformed America's schools and universities by prohibiting educational institutions from receiving federal funds by discriminating on the basis of gender in admissions, recruitment, financial aid, housing, and athletics. Because of Title IX, today, the ratio of women law school graduates in the United States approaches fifty percent, and about one third of American lawyers and judges are women.

To honor Patsy Mink's profound and successful efforts to bring gender equity to education, Congress renamed Title IX as the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. In 2014, and because of her tremendous contributions to the United States, President Barack Obama posthumously awarded Mink the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

I can imagine no better way for Hawai'i and the Hawai'i State Department of Education to honor a personal hero and a trailblazer than to name the newest high school, which happens to be in the congressional district she represented, after Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink. Our children deserve to know, remember, and honor her story. Students at a Mink High School can be the ambassadors of her story and her rich legacy of equity, opportunity, and justice.

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Gloria Borland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

### Comments:

Patsy Takemoto Mink was the most significant federal lawmaker from Hawaii. The laws she authored, like Title IX, changed America. Yes, name the school after Patsy Takemoto Mink.

www.PatsyMinkUntoldStory.com